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Dear Ted,

Sorry I'm a day late in mailing what you asked for of the CIA records. not of course released to Lane alone, as he claims.

You are welcome to all of this up to our limit to copy. Most of the rest is of different character.

While this is for and is addressed to their overseas people I would not assume they made no other use of it. Long before Lane's book was out I was facing these same arguments, Whitewash having been the first book. Later others faced the same line.

You may not be aware of it but prior to the appearance of Lane's book, which was after Epstein's and others besides mine, all that could be laid on Lane was what he had said and his notoriously inaccurate piece in the National Guardian. Do not make the mistake of being unfair to the spooks. This stuff as it relates to Lane is prior to the appearance of his book, which benefited from considerable editing. Then as now he would say anything and it is on this that they zeroed in. It was child's play to destroy what he said, not what he now represents.

I'm sorry about the day's delay. After you phoned I went out for a little work and it was a bit too much for me. Then old friends came, so I could not get these records out for my wife to copy. Until today.

If you have not yet sent the tape you were making, please try to hold what you do to a 5" reel. This is why. After we spoke I took an old but once quite good Concord 330 to a local shop for repair. It is reel-to-reel and with a patch cord I can dub onto cassettes, which for me are much more convenient. They should have it repaired before long. And with it I can also listen, if not as easily as on cassettes. The largest reel it will take is 5 inches.

I have obtained a good tuner and a cassette deck to go with it. If I could afford a decent reel-to-reel deck I could then dub from reel to cassette and listen to the casettes at my desk. Because I cannot afford this I am having an old, a 1963 machine, repaired.

Sincerely,